

India has 23.5 lakh HIV/AIDS Patients: Govt

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NEW DELHI, SEPT 21, 2020: AS per the latest HIV estimates report (2019) of the Government, India is estimated to have around 23.49 lakh people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) in 2019. The HIV epidemic has an overall decreasing trend in country with estimated annual New HIV infections declining by 37% between 2010 and 2019.

HIV infection in India is mainly caused by engagement in high risk behaviours. The main high-risk behaviours identified for HIV infection in India includes unprotected heterosexual behaviour, unprotected homosexual behaviour, and unsafe injecting drug use behaviour.

There are no dedicated hospitals for the treatment of HIV/AIDS patients. However, under the National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) of the Government, as on July 2020, there are 570 Anti-retroviral treatment (ART) Centers and 1264 Link ART Centers.

State/UT-wise details of people living with HIV/AIDS in 2018 and 2019 as per the latest HIV estimates report (2019) is at Annexure.

Annexure

Statement on State/UT-wise people living with HIV/AIDS in 2018 and 2019 (In lakh)

S No	State/UT	2018	2019
1	Andhra Pradesh	3.28	3.14
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.01	0.01
3	Assam	0.21	0.21
4	Bihar	1.31	1.34
5	Chhattisgarh	0.42	0.43
6	Delhi	0.66	0.68
7	Goa	0.05	0.05

8	Gujarat	1.04	1.04
9	Himachal Pradesh	0.07	0.07
10	Haryana	0.45	0.45
11	Jharkhand	0.22	0.23
12	Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh	0.06	0.06
13	Karnataka	2.80	2.69
14	Kerala	0.24	0.24
15	Meghalaya	0.11	0.11
16	Maharashtra	4.05	3.96
17	Manipur	0.29	0.29
18	Madhya Pradesh	0.59	0.59
19	Mizoram	0.20	0.20
20	Nagaland	0.22	0.23
21	Odisha	0.50	0.49
22	Punjab	0.66	0.66

23	Rajasthan	0.62	0.63
24	Sikkim	0.003	0.003
25	Tamil Nadu	1.59	1.55
26	Tripura	0.02	0.03
27	Uttarakhand	0.11	0.11
28	Uttar Pradesh	1.61	1.61
29	West Bengal	0.73	0.74
30	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0.005	0.005
31	Chandigarh	0.02	0.02
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.01	0.01
33	Daman & Diu	0.005	0.005
34	Puducherry	0.05	0.05
35	Telangana	1.60	1.58
36	India	23.81	23.49

Source: India HIV Estimates 2019 report

The Minister of State (Health and Family Welfare), Mr Ashwini Kumar Choubey stated this in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha here yesterday.